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## "LAST DAY OF SCHOOL."

### DR. BENNETT'S GREAT ADDRESS TO THE SENIORS.

#### Seventy-Seven Got Certificates From The Eighth Grade.

Miss Beulah Marshall, daughter of Mrs. Laura Marshall, is valedictorian of the Mexico High School Class for 1912. Miss Harriet Winans, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Winans, was a very close second to Miss Marshall. There was but five-hundredths of a per cent between them. Miss



MISS BEULAH MARSHALL.

Winans, therefore wins as salutatorian. There were three others who won high grades, as follows: Miss Maurine Heizer, Agatha Copeman and Lee Duncan. The class numbers 40 and is the largest graduating class in the history of the Mexico schools. Their names have been published in these columns before.

The commencement exercises were held at the Opera House last Thursday night. Superintendent L. B. Hawthorne delivered a short farewell address to the graduates, diplomas presented by S. P. Emmons, chairman of the School Board. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Wm. Bennett, a Chautauqua lecturer, of Chicago. Mr. Bennett's contribution to the exercises of the hour was a gem. He referred to Missouri as "The Houn' Dog State," of course throwing out a compliment for Champ Clark. He talked on the topic, "The Man Who Can," and he drove home many a well rounded thought.

He believes that people must be lifted and inspired to higher things. Only a few centuries ago back in Europe our ancestors killed and ate one another and used human skulls for drinking vessels. This was so in Australia and New Zealand. But look at the leaders of thought in science and governmental affairs now. They have been educated and lifted to higher grounds.

He advocated scientific agriculture as the highest calling of this century. The scheme of farming is being completely revolutionized. It requires thought and experience and education—brains mixed with mud to bring what we ought out of the soil. The school curriculum needs changing, it ought to include Domestic Science, Manual Training and Agriculture. The boys need thoro training in practical things, and the girls should be taught to sew, keep house and do scientific cooking. Too many girls dodge these things, thinking it will hurt their standing, but it is the biggest mistake of their lives to feel that such things as cooking, sewing and keeping house is beneath them.

He plead that every boy and girl should have a good purpose in life—firm and true,—that's wealth of the true stamp—good purpose, happiness and health.

The man who can is the man who succeeds.

Twenty pupils from the South Side School were presented cer-

tificates of graduation from the eighth grade Thursday afternoon and they will be entitled to enter the high school for next year. They were as follows:

Stella Whitson, Aubrey Tolson, Ruth Franey, Margaret Averitt, Gertrude Flittner, Lillian Wright, Mary Kearins, Anna Dudley, Jennie Dean, Margaret Dyke, Lucile Duncan, Thelma Harrison, Rilla Powell, Marguerite Thomas, Bryan Ridgway, Roy Reed, Jesse Beam, Andrew Wright, Frank Staples, Raymond Smith.

Fifty-seven pupils received certificates same as above from the North Side School. Their names are as follows:

Paul Angert, Bryan Atchison, Richard Barth, Perry Claybrook, Alan Coatsworth, Eric Cunningham, John Eaton, Fletcher Fuhrer, Jesse Gibbs, Lloyd Gilpin, Gay Holliday, W. O. Johnson, Russell Jones, Morris Keath, Sam Locke, Bryan Marshall, David McClure, Robert Montague, Frank Owings, Chas. Robinson, Mabel Rodhouse, Ethel Rodhouse, Glenn Squires, Ernest Watson, Edna Bickley, Janette Bragg, Mary Lee Burks, Olivia Carter, Helen Coatsworth, Isabel Craddock, Elvaine Dermody, Gladys Estes, Lelia Fuhrer, Ethel Genrich, Rachel Hamilton, Hazel Hardine, Mary Scudder, Elaine Silverstein, Evelyn Threlkeld, Julia Tucker, Mattie Ward, Helena Wonneman, Blanche Harris, Carrie Howdeshell, Louise Johnson, Tazzie Johnson, Amelia Knoebel, Pauline Kunkel, Anne McClure, June McDonough, Esther Menefee, Lenore McElhiney, Ruth Miller, Nina Pearson, Edna Phillips, Lucy Puls, Lillie Robinson, Mabel Rodhouse, Thel Schopp.

### SINGLE TAX AGAIN.

#### A Correspondent Don't Want Us To Extend "That Feeling."

Ladonia, Mo., May 18, 1912.  
Editor Mexico Message:—In your issue of May 16 you say "We kindly think we feel it in our bones that we shall oppose that single tax law." Let me beg you to keep that feeling in your bones and not let it extend to your head and heart until you have studied the proposed tax amendment from the standpoint of justice and equity. The Message will do a noble work if it will earnestly try to enlighten the farmers and all citizens on the question of taxation. I enclose a short article, "Our Tax System," from the editorial page of "Successful Farming," printed at Des Moines, Iowa. I should be glad if you would publish it, as a brief presentation of the inequalities of the present system.

Very truly,

A Seeker After Truth.

Elsewhere is an article on the single tax. Some of the farmers have an idea that the single tax or land tax will hit them hard and is for the benefit of the city man. This isn't so where the single tax has been partially tried out.

We need only point to the folly of trying to raise tax money by taxing personal property. The rich escape and the poor man pays the running expenses of government. The farmer gets taxed because his wealth can't be hidden. The rich city man escapes, for his money investments can be hidden. The following from the New York Times points a moral:

"Alfred G. Vanderbilt called at the department of taxes yesterday and swore down an assessment of \$500,000 on personal property to \$1,000. Charles G. Gates, as executor

of the estate of John W. Gates, which was valued as to personal property at \$2,000,000 obtained a reduction from \$600,000 to \$300,000 in the valuation of his personal property.

You've all heard of New Jersey, the home of the Standard Oil, the Sugar Trust, the Steel Trust and oil, almost every other trust worth mentioning. The laws of New Jersey require assessment 'at full value. But they don't obey the law. Hence these remarks in the American Magazine for March, 1911, by Albert Jay Nock:

"Hudson county contains in its area of forty-three square miles, the manufacturing city of Camden. Hunterdon county, in the west of the state, and Salem county, in the southwest, aggregate 774 miles of farms. They are purely rural counties, having no considerable towns, and depending entirely on agriculture. Governor Griggs' commission reported in 1897 that the 6,000 farming population of Hunterdon and Salem counties paid a personalty assessment of \$17,729,276, while the 300,000 city population of Hudson and Camden paid \$14,882,644—\$846,652 less than the farmers!"

"A handful of farmers in the two rural counties paid a personalty assessment nearly a million dollars larger than the two city counties taken together—the two counties, containing probably the richest and most extensive and heavy manufacturing on the whole seaboard! Three hundred thousand city people, corporations, factories, the Colgates, Lorillard, the Steel Trust, Standard Oil, the Sugar Trust and so on through a long list were assessed nearly a million dollars less than the 600,000 farmers of Hunterdon and Salem!"

And these are the people—these over rich citizens who come and have their personal taxes reduced when they are far too low in the first place. And the farmers have to make up for it so far as to keep up the running expenses of government.

There is something wrong with our tax system and a little investigation, a little light from any quarter should be welcome.

### Narrowly Escaped Drowning.

Mrs. Emmett Gibbs and two small children, who live south of Mexico, narrowly escaped drowning at Scattering Fork, just after the very heavy rain of last Saturday, nearly two weeks since. Mrs. Gibbs was driving from Mexico and she realized that the creek was deep but upon advice of a neighbor she met just before reaching the ford she started her horse across. The animal at first plunged went into water nearly over its back. With great presence of mind Mrs. Gibbs, realizing that she and children would be swept down stream, quickly pulled the horse to turn back, and in that the vehicle barely escaped being turned over. She telephoned home and staid with a neighbor on this side the stream that night, and withal she's glad that all's well that ends well.

Mrs. Mary J. Bybee paid this office a pleasant business call a few days ago. She resides with her son, Horace Bybee, of near Santa Fe. Her son has 100 hens and 150 young chickens, all doing fine. He does not use incubator.

Harrison Brown, of Mexico, has been elected a director of the Missourian, published at Columbia by the Department of Journalism.

Joseph Sandbothe is arranging to build a new grain elevator at Martinsburg.

## MARTINSBURG COMMUNITY.

### THE BUSINESS FIRMS AND THEIR LINES OF TRADE.

#### That "Confederate Senate"—The Farmers and Live Stock Men.

(Message Special Service.)  
Martinsburg, Mo., May 21.—Readers of the Message will be interested in a list of the business men and firms of this little city—one of the most hustling little towns of the county. It has one



PINCKNEY FRENCH.

of the largest department stores in the county and also has one other enterprise that has them all beaten, a picture frame manufacturing plant that ships its products to all parts of the United States.

One of the oldest business houses is the drug house of C. T. Peyton, established in 1892. Mr. Peyton was born and raised at Wellsville.

Martinsburg Bank was established in 1893. Stephen Bertels is president, N. M. Friedman, vice-president, and Pinckney French, cashier. The bank has always done a good business.

N. M. Friedman is another of the town's early merchants. He makes picture frames and ships to all parts of this country. His business was established in 1882.

Jacobi Brothers conduct a large department store in the little town and have always done a flourishing business.

The town boasts of a good newspaper, the Audrain County Oracle. J. B. Devault is the editor. The town is giving him fine support.

Martinsburg has two barber shops. Joe Jarboe conducts one and Gus Tillman the other.

Krieger & Christrup conduct a meat market and grocery store. Henry Hilkemeyer keeps a livery barn.

C. D. Williams is the Wabash station agent. Wm. Mear has a like position with the Burlington.

Koehler & Holtermann are the village blacksmiths.

J. B. Holtermann keeps a hardware and tin shop.

Dr. L. T. Carr looks after the sick of the community.

George Stotler has the care of the La Crosse Lumber Co. yards. Ed. Turner sells shoes, groceries, etc.

Wm. Wallace keeps the Martinsburg Hotel, and he sets a good table, too, so his patrons say.

Miss May Jarboe has charge of the switchboard for the Rush Hill & Martinsburg telephone line.

Miss Mamie Verhoff is the town milliner.

Geo. Meyerpeter is a retired lumberman.

Jap Stephens is the auctioneer for all that corner of Audrain, Montgomery, and Callaway.

Father J. L. Haar, of the Catholic church, is the only resi-

dent minister of the city.

Joe Fennevald and John Hilkemeyer are carpenters and builders.

Dr. Jos. Jacobi is the resident dentist.

Edward Pritchett is Martinsburg's postmaster. He is ably assisted by Miss Mattie Matthews.

Joe Sandbothe is the grain elevator man.

S. T. McGrew sells harness.

W. T. Hughlett is undertaker.

Detienne Bros. and Mort Lientz do concrete work.

Chas. D. Hyde is the town artist.

The Martinsburg Coal Co. is an organization doing a flourishing business.

J. S. Muster is called the first settler of the town. He and Capt. N. Dix, who has been in the place 43 years, and S. T. McGrew compose an organization called the "Confederate Senate." Formerly the membership was larger, but the roll call to "over the river under the shade of the trees" has thinned the old veterans out.

The following are among the prominent farmers and stockmen living near Martinsburg: August Bertels, Martin Hoer, Frank Seckler, The Fennevalds, L. A. Harris, Tom Mitchell, E. P. Johnson, E. W. C. T. and G. K. Crane, J. R. McMurry, J. E. English, F. P. Davis, A. R. Davis, Seannell Bros., W. G. Pike, Wm. Rintee, L. Ahrens, Jno. Davis, Joe Bertels, Wm. Banks, J. J. Johnston, Frank Eckler, J. P. Robnett, Henry Youngblood, and others.

### MRS. THRELKELD DEAD.

#### A Beautiful Life Has Been Called From This to That Beyond.

Mrs. Eliza Threlkeld whose maiden name was Smith was born in West Morland county, Neb., June 10, 1832.

She died at the home of her son, Hiram Hrelkeld, southwest of this city, May 17, 1912.

When the deceased was quite a child she moved with her parents to the State of Missouri and settled near Fulton, Callaway Co. She was married in 1856 to Marcellus Threlkeld. To this union were born four children—Edgar, Hiram, Thaddeus and Mrs. Nellie Calhoun, all of whom reside in this vicinity. One brother survives her, S. L. Smith, of Fannette, Texas.

Mr. Threlkeld died in 1865, leaving the deceased with this family to care for. Mrs. Threlkeld lived in the lonely state of widowhood 47 years; reared her family to manhood and womanhood. Deceased was converted in early life and became a member of Grand Prairie Baptist church and when Beaver Dam church was organized she became one of its charter members and remained a faithful member of that body until her death.

Her funeral was held on the 19th inst at the Richland Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. A. Mitchell, after which her remains were laid to rest in the old church cemetery. She was a grand good woman, beautiful in life and character, and the world is much the better that she lived in it.

### Pulis-Smith Nuptials.

Mr. Jesse Pulis, son of County Collector S. A. Pulis and wife, and Miss Neoma Nelda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, late of Gant community, were married one day last week, at the bride's home, on West Whitley street, Rev. W. A. Shulenberg officiating. Both are popular young people and many friends extend them very best wishes for perennial happiness and prosperity.

## MEXICO WOMAN IS ELECTED.

### PRESIDENT OF METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

#### Two Great Societies Are Merged Into One.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church South, with delegates from all over North Missouri, began its session at the Mexico Methodist church Wednesday afternoon of last week. Reports were received. The most important in this line was the one by Mrs. S. P. Emmons of the committee on the union of the two organizations. The committee favored the union.

Tuesday night's session was devoted to music and the opening exercises. Mrs. W. L. Reed delivered the welcome address, which was responded to by Mrs. R. G. Terrill, of Huntsville.

Wednesday was given over to organization, appointment of committees, hearing the reports of vice-presidents, corresponding secretaries, treasurers, etc. The report of the committee on union was taken up and after discussion was adopted by unanimous vote. It was an important action. Hereafter the organization will be known as the Missouri Conference of Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, South.

Thursday morning the devotional service was led by Mrs. E. B. Sheldon. "The Year's Results," five minute reports by Mesdames Lester, Cason, Brown, Bostwick and Miss Perry. Mrs. J. M. Niswander, of Kirksville, talked on "Institute Methods of Auxiliary Work." Miss Ruth S. Holliday of Carrollton, explained how to use the literature. Mrs. A. E. Jones, of Shelbina, told what to do with the Missionary Voice. Mrs. H. L. Davis, of Mexico, addressed the conference having as her subject, "From a Presiding Elder's Standpoint." The exercises of the day were concluded with a memorial service conducted by Mrs. W. P. Rowland, of Mexico. Miss Nina Stallings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stallings of this city, was pledged two years' training for work in the foreign missionary field. Miss Stallings is now a student at Howard-Payne College at Fayette, Mo. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. Handy.

At Friday's sessions reports were heard on children's work, young people's work, resolutions, etc. The song sung by the local young peoples' organization, of which Miss Zola Beal is president, Miss Alice Lieurance is vice-president, and Miss Gertrude Fry is secretary, words composed by Mrs. J. C. Handy, of this city, was adopted as the State song for the young people's societies of the conference.

Miss Mabel K. Howell, State Superintendent of Social Service at Scarritt Bible Training School, Kansas City, was present during each of the sessions and delivered a number of most helpful talks. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. L. Reed, Mexico; first vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Niswander, Kirksville; second vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mexico; third vice-president, Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mexico; fourth vice-president, Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Moberly; corresponding secretary of the Home Department, Mrs. Turner McBaine, Columbia; corresponding secretary

of the Foreign Department, Mrs. F. F. Stevens, Columbia; recording secretary, Mrs. R. F. Keeley; treasurer of the Home Department, Mrs. Paul Flowerree; treasurer of Foreign Department, Miss Hallie Sosey; Superintendent of Press and Literature, Mrs. J. R. Lyell; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. W. P. Rowland; Auditors, Mrs. C. B. Clapp, Mrs. A. F. Davis and Mrs. Frank Clark.

The District secretaries are: Mrs. W. H. Hutcherson, Carrollton, Chillicothe District; Mrs. M. E. Dearing, Columbia, Fayette District; Miss Louise Peery, Gallatin District; Mrs. J. A. Lannius, Palmyra, Hannibal District; Mrs. Jas. Goody, Fulton, Mexico District; Mrs. R. W. Howell, of Kirksville, Macon District; Miss Mary E. Maine, Liberty, Plattsburg District; Mrs. C. D. Avery, Troy, St. Charles District; Mrs. G. R. Williams, St. Joseph, St. Joseph District.

### MOLINO ITEMS.

#### Little Child Breaks Arm—Farmers More Encouraged in Their Planting.

(Message Special Service.)  
Miss Edna Hale of near Santa Fe spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Martin.

J. E. Blum and wife and sister, Miss Annie Heizer, also Miss Amelia Mongler, of Mexico, spent Sunday with John Heizer and wife.

Misses Anna Crawford and Ella Blaze were guests of the former's cousin, Mrs. Mary Botts Cuthorn, Friday.

R. L. Heizer and family visited John Heizer and wife Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prussner, east of Molino, fell out of a wagon Sunday afternoon and broke her arm. Dr. J. F. Flynt was the attending physician.

The farmers in our vicinity are more encouraged than they were two weeks ago—since there has been quite a good deal of corn planted.

Miss Emma Marshall, of Mexico, and Mrs. Homer Bridgford and little daughter, Thelma, of near Santa Fe, spent Thursday with Mrs. T. E. Anderson here.

The Madison Times states that the Cotsworth Lumber Co. of Mexico, Mo., has leased five lots in Clarence for a period of ten years and expects to put in a lumber yard. They say they will have one of the biggest stocks in Northeast Missouri.

A Mexico relative sends the Message to J. R. Creasey, in Texas. Father Creasey is well remembered here. He is four score years old, but is healthy and strong for one of his age.

### Hog Bites Child.

The little 9-months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Keek of this city was badly bitten by a hog Wednesday afternoon of last week. The child was with a playmate and while at the hog pen was permitted to thrust her hand thru the fence and her hand was snatched by the hog. It was thought at first the child would lose four of her fingers; it is not that bad. But you should keep your baby away from a hungry hog.

**Mexico Savings Bank**  
Capital Stock, \$150,000.00  
43rd Year in Business.  
W. W. FRY, President.  
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.